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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 18, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Replacement Formal Drawings** are submitted with this communication, and are discussed on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: